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2012 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #45

Summer Announcement #39, Subdistrict 4-A Commercial Fishing Periods 10-12

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Summer chum salmon passage at Pilot Station sonar through July 9 is estimated to be approximately 1.9 million fish, which is above the historical median of 1.2 million fish for this date.

New regulations adopted by the Board of Fisheries in spring of 2012 allow the department to open summer chum salmon directed commercial fishing periods in Subdistrict 4-A during time of Chinook salmon conservation with fish wheels only. Fish wheels must be manned at all times during operations, and all Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must immediately be released to the water alive.

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point):
Commercial fishing will be open for three 12-hour fishing periods:

Period #10: 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, until 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 11
Period #11: 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, July 12
Period #12: 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 12, until 8:00 a.m. Friday, July 13

Fishermen will be notified by July 13 regarding additional commercial fishing periods.

Commercial fishing will be restricted to fish wheels only that must be manned at all times of operation. All Chinook salmon caught in the fish wheels must be immediately returned to the water alive. **Commercial fishermen should confirm their market before they fish.** All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold". These commercial fishing periods do not affect current subsistence management actions and fishing schedules.

The preliminary commercial harvest in District 4 July 9 is approximately 7,300 summer chum salmon.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 or 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

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